report on alcoholic beverages industry submitted by the Joint Working Group set up by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(b)if so, what are the details of the recommendations; and

(c) what action Government have taken on those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Joint Working Group, in its first report, has recommended modifications in the slabs as well as rates of additional customs duty applicable to imported alcoholic beverages.

(c) A view will be taken after receipt of the final report of the Joint Working Group.

Liquidation of Regional Rural Banks

2154. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liquidated some of the RRBs in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the All India Regional Rural Bank's Federation has expressed concern over Government's attempt to liquidate RRBs;

(d) if so, whether the recommendations of the Working Group on Amendments of RRB Act, 1976 has been fully accepted; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Working Group constituted by Government to review the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 is yet to submit its report.

(e) Does not arise.